

The Petrified Digest

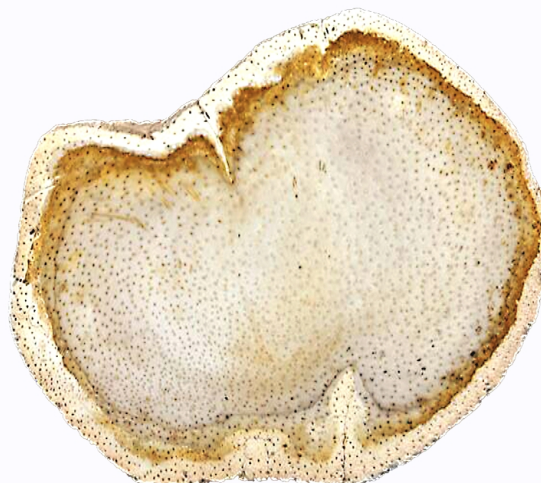
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In the March newsletter I posted the picture on the right of petrified palm wood that is approximately 30 million years old. Marcia Summers sent me the image on the left of a palm wood stump taken last year on her trip to Hawaii. As you can see, palm wood then and now is remarkably the same.



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April 2023

**Next meeting:
April 21 at 7 pm**

Presbyterian Church
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From Atop the Rock Pile

From the Editor:

Spring is here but it sure isn't warm. I think I want to be back in Arizona where it is in the 90s this week. But here I am! Carol and Darrel Smith are dealing with some health issues so Carol is occupied with more important things than this newsletter. I told her I would "ghost write" a message for this section.

As you all know, we lost our shop location the first of this year. Several possibilities have been explored but to this point nothing has worked for our Club. However, there may be light at the end of the tunnel and it is not a train. The Executive Board will review a possibility at the next Board meeting April 19. Any and all other suggestions are still welcome.

For many years, our Club manned the Nason Creek rest stop for two weekends a year. Post-COVID we only did one weekend last year. This year we will again be requesting two weekends. It is a great fundraiser (which we will need for a new shop) and it is a great opportunity to share our hobby with young and old travelers. When the schedule comes out, please sign up for a few hours to donate to this Club project.

Darrel, we hope you get back on your feet soon.

From the Scribe

The meeting was called to order by President Carol Smith at 7:10.

Thirty five members and guests were present.

Program Carol's program was on conglomerates found along the Columbia and other local rivers.

Show and Tell

Thea Stender brought beautiful rock magazines. She also showed some beautiful actinolite crystals from above Lake Wenatchee.

Rex Bodrero showed Biggs Jasper from a mine in Oregon.

Don Deycous had carnelian polished to a brilliant finish.

Bob Grant showed petrified wood from Saddle Mountain and talked about flint knapping at Glass Butte.

Refreshments Provided by Carol Smith, Pat Russell, and Pam Lander. Carol passed around a sign up sheet for future meeting refreshments.

Door prize Winner was Bob Grant. Raffle ticket Winners were Cheri McMillan, Tammy Liebert, & Terry Liebert.

Upcoming events – Mammoth Dig May 27. Leave Hobby Lobby at 8 am.

Waterville County Fair needs something for their auction and crab feed.

Announcement

Rich Congdon has resigned as our liaison with the Wenatchee Museum and Cultural Center due to health reasons. We need a volunteer to take on this responsibility. Thank you Rich, for your many years of service for our Club.

Carol fielded comments on possible ideas and locations for a workshop.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Pam Lander, Secretary for this meeting

From the Vault

CD	As of 3/31/2023	\$10,101.55
Savings Account	3/31/23 w/ interest	\$1799.31
Checking Account	3/1/23 Beginning Balance	\$2,769.77
	3 Deposits: Memberships, raffle, grit	353.00
	6 Checks: Meeting room, storage rent, grit	
	newsletter, meeting supplies	(410.58)
	3/31/23 Ending Balance	\$2,712.19

David's Notes

It is time to renew your membership. Pay your dues in person, at a meeting, or mail a check to me. We now have about 80 Individual/Family memberships. If you don't see your name on the following list, please contact me.

B. Allen	H. Diede	D.&D. Hanson	C. McMillan	L. Silva
S. Anderson	A.&D.Deycous	K.&L.Hemberry	S. Molena	D.Sly
K. Arkwright	D. Earhart	S.&J.Hilliard	C.&B. Mosher	K. Sly
S. Backstrom	S. Eisenhart	B. Jackson	S. Oglebay	C.&D.Smith
H.&C. Beach	J. Engley	K.Johnson	R. Payne	B. Spurrier
R. Bodrero	C.&A. Ericksen	D.&P. Lander	C.&S.Pederson	J.&B.Stanfield
D.&J. Bramlette	W. Feiten	S. Lawson	T.Picardo	G. Stanford
J.&N. Clark	A. Frederick	R. & C.Lechner	S. Rockwell	T. Stender
C. Clausen	C. Garver	C. & C.Leidigh	M. Porterfield	M. Sullivan
R. Congdon	M. Giard	T.&T. Liebert	T.Powney	M. Summers
C.&S. Danielson	R.&M. Gill	T.&S. Marconi	R.&C. Prevett	C. Turner
M. Davidson	B.&P. Grant	D. Mattioda	O. Reeves	P. Tvergyak
J. Davis	R. Hammer	M. Maxey	D.&R. Rhoades	C. Watkins
M.&P.Davis	G. Lybbert	D.& M.Morse	J. Rose	B. Witt
L. Day	The Hamptons	D.&V.McGregor	P. Russell	V. Wright

Ginkgo has a booth at the **North Central Washington Prospectors "Gold and Treasure"** show in Cashmere on Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16. Our members are invited to sell their rocks and treasures at this show. It's fun and enjoyable. Contact David for more info.

Fortunately our club is a non-profit so rent for our storage unit is half price at \$37.50 per month. We have a fully loaded 5 by 5 unit with Christmas wrapping paper and other stuff until we find a new shop. Other Club stuff is stored at various homes of Club members.

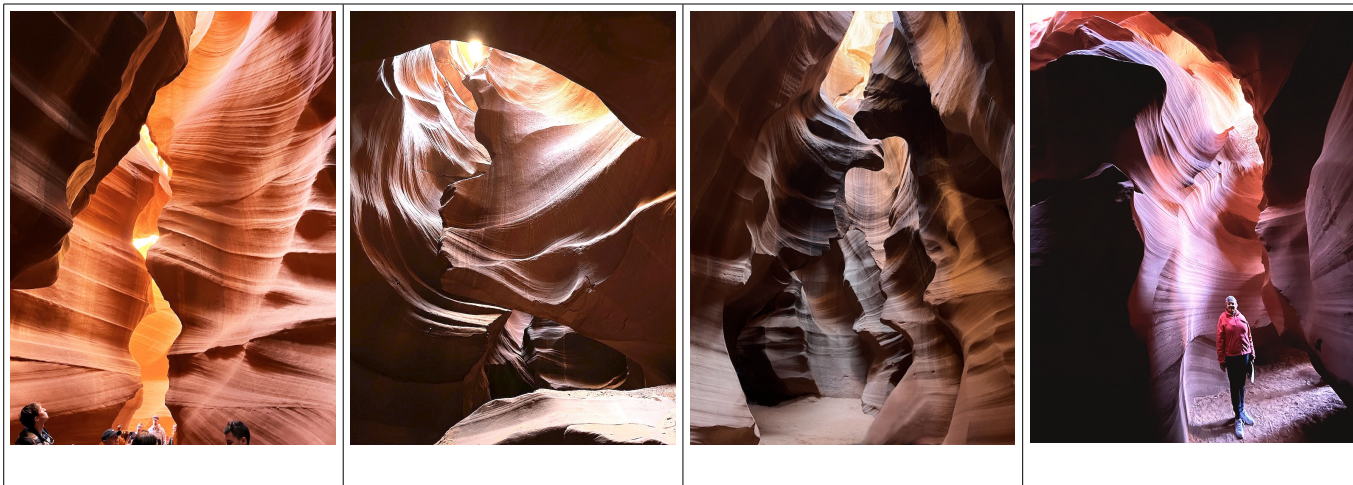
Kirk Laird (Ginkgo member) will present his program on sea levels to the "Erratics" Club on Tuesday, June 13th at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and cultural Center. The presentation is free to all and starts at 7 pm.
David Earhart - Treasurer

Member News

On our trip home from Arizona, Dena and I did a little sight seeing along the way. The southwest has a lot of "old" rock that has been weathered away over millions of years leaving giant mesas of brightly colored layers of sandstone. This was one of the more spectacular ones we saw outside of Zion Nation Park.



We also spent two days in Page, Arizona so Dena could take a tour of the slot canyons. A slot canyon is deeper than it is wide and is usually formed by water and wind scouring wavy patterns in the soft sandstone. She spent a good part of the tour looking up and taking pictures. Here are few of the dozens she took.



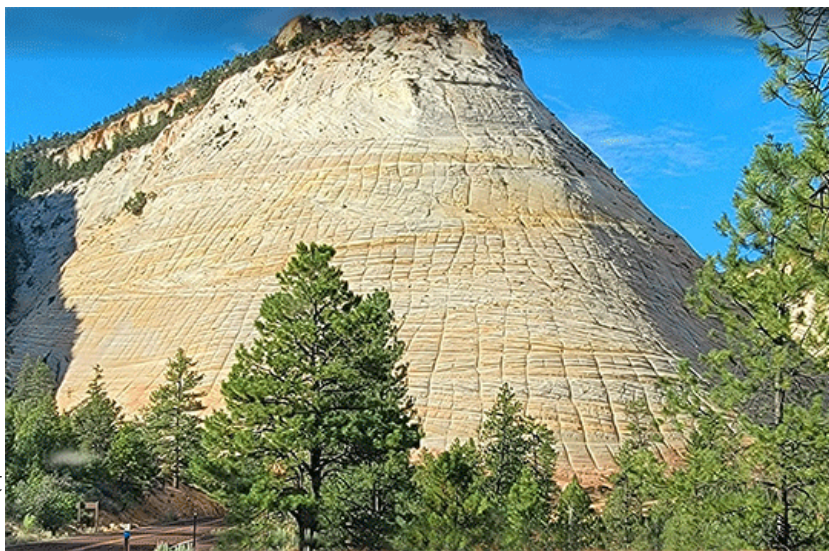
The following was written by Janice Beaty in the 1965 Gem & Minerals magazine but sums up our experience driving through **Zion National Park** the last week of March this year.

“Canyon walls abound in the sculptured plateau lands of southern Utah and northern Arizona. Their awesome forms displayed in gorges like the Grand Canyon, Glen Canyon, Bryce Canyon and Canyon de Chelly, have won world-wide acclaim. But none are more remarkable than the strangely etched walls of Zion National Park.

Their incredible blaze of color is the chief attraction for a great many observers. Brick-red, blood-red, rust-red, cream and white they gleam along the North Fork of the Virgin River. Others are awed by their overpowering sheerness. Massive cliff faces rise straight up from the valley floor in perpendicular grandeur. But it was the curious parallel scratches gouged across the walls of Zion that impressed us most of all.

What could have made the lines? Many were straight as a music staff, while others formed lazy loops like isobars on a weather map. Some zigzagged and a few even criss-crossed one another in gigantic checkerboard squares.

The lines were a puzzle. Although they were parallel in the manner of layering, we could not conceive of ordinary sediments being deposited in the zig-zag, convoluted pattern that Zion’s “scratches” displayed. It was almost as though some monstrous cat had sharpened its claws this way and that across the sheer cliff faces. We also ruled out the possibility that even layers of sediments had later been contorted and folded back upon one another by the pressures of upheavals of an earlier age. The walls of Zion were solid bulwarks formed at one time and not reshaped later, except by erosion. Our lines were something else.”



Dena and I and the thousand other tourists in the area speculated and enjoyed the puzzle.

Coming Events


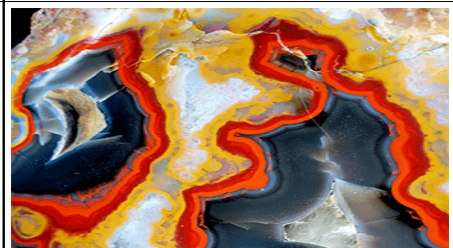

Our Field Trip Coordinator has been busy getting ready for two events in May and June. Jodi Rose has secured spots for us to dig for Biggs Picture Jasper at two mines just across the Columbia near Wasco, Oregon on Saturday, May 20th. This is an all-day trip or you may choose to stay overnight in Biggs Junction on the Columbia. Dena and I stayed at the Three Rivers Inn in Biggs Junction and highly recommend it if you don't want to drive back to Wenatchee after a day in the rock mines or if you want to drive down the night before. This is a fee-dig trip at two mines. The China Hollow mine charges \$2/lb for some really good picture rock. At Beer Mountain, the price is \$5/lb so you'll want to be more selective. You will be picking from tailings at Beer Mountain. Bring a rock hammer, chisel, bucket(s), pry bar or pick and personal protective equipment. Water and sun protection are also a good. Jodi needs a head count before May 20 if you plan to go. There are restaurants in Biggs Junction but not much in Wasco. There is also a rock shop in Wasco that is open sometimes and has some really good Biggs Jasper. I picked up several pieces on our way south last October.



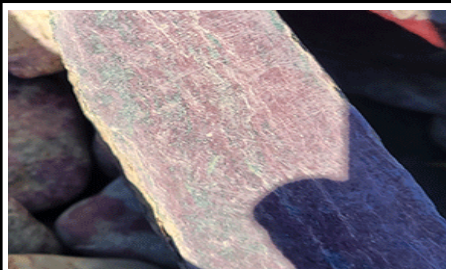
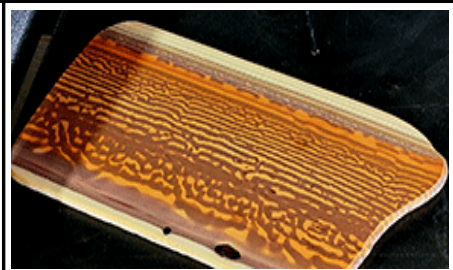

The second trip planned is a camping trip to central Oregon in conjunction with the Prineville Rockhound Pow Wow June 15-22. Planned activities include a visit to the Polka Dot mine for thunder eggs, Hampton Butte for green petrified wood, and Glass Butte for various types of obsidian – mahogany, rainbow, gold sheen, fire, and others. Dena and I stopped at Glass Butte in October and in just a few minutes collected some good mahogany obsidian that she turned into a nice pair of earrings this past winter. Prineville has lots of good hotels if you don't want to rough it but they fill up fast during the Pow Wow days. And the Chamber of Commerce has outstanding maps of all the local rockhounding sites.

The Rockhound Challenge

Last month's rocks were:

A	B	C
		
Arizona Blue Chrysocolla	Kentucky Agate	Grape Agate - Utah

This month's Challenge

A	B	C
		

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The **Ginkgo Mineral Society** was formed to promote the education of mineralogy and geology; to encourage the collecting of rocks and minerals; to provide field excursions to mineral collecting areas; and to promote interest in lapidary work.

Dues: Individual—\$20.00 Senior—\$15.00 Family—\$30.00 Lifetime (20+ years) - Free

Please mail your dues to Ginkgo P.O.Box 303, Wenatchee, WA 98807

Club information cards are available to handout to folks who show interest in our hobby. See David Earhart for cards to carry with you.

Washington State Mineral Council

April 2023 21st 10am - 4pm 22nd 10am - 5pm 23rd 10am—4pm	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	59th Sparkling Parade of Gems Adults—\$6 Students—\$2.00 12 & under free	Central Washington State Fair Ground Modern Living Building 1301 South Fair Avenue Yakima ,WA 98901
April 2023 29th 10am - 5pm 30th 10am - 4pm	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club	26 th Annual Rock & Mineral Show \$5 adults, 12 & under free	Benton Franklin County Fairgrounds Building 2 1500 S. Oak Kennewick, WA
April 2023 29th 10am - 5pm 30th 10am - 5pm	West Seattle Rock Club	55 th Annual Rock Show	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40 th Ave SW Seattle, WA
May 2023 27th 10am—6pm 28th 10am—5pm	Everett Rock and Gem Club	68 th Annual show	Evergreen State Fairgrounds 18359 Cascade View Drive Monroe, WA.